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NOTICE

NEVADA GEOTHERMAL LEASE SALE - NOMINATIONS

The Nevada State Office is now accepting nominations for lands to be considered for competitive geothermal leasing. The next geothermal lease sale is tentatively scheduled for May 11, 2010. Nominations must be submitted on Department of the Interior (DOI), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Form 3203-1, and comply with 43 CFR 3203. Please refer to these regulations for nomination requirements regarding maximum acreage, acceptable land descriptions, and nominating parcels as a block. These regulations may be found at: http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/ under Title 43, Volume 2, Chapter II, Part 3200. A courtesy copy of Form 3203-1 has been enclosed for your convenience.

Effective immediately, anyone submitting a geothermal nomination for split estate lands—private surface/Federal minerals—must provide, with the nomination, the name and address of the current private surface owners(s). Whenever a split estate parcel is included in a geothermal Notice of Competitive Lease Sale, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will send a courtesy letter to the surface owners(s). The letter will provide the surface owner notice of the scheduled auction as well as information about the BLM's regulations and procedures for Federal geothermal leasing and development on split estate lands. Any EOI including split estate lands that is submitted in the future, or now pending with a BLM State Office, that does not provide the name and address of the surface owner(s) will not be processed by the BLM and such lands will not be placed on a list of lands included in a Notice of Competitive Lease Sale until the required information is provided.

Prior to submitting your nomination, please review BLM public records for surface-subsurface ownership to make certain that the lands are available for leasing. Examples of lands **not** available for leasing are:

Lands no longer in Federal ownership

- State Selections
- Railroad Grant Patents
- Lands within patented mining claims

Lands included in an active geothermal lease or pending lease application

Lands within city limits

Lands withdrawn from mineral leasing

Lands located in designated or wilderness study areas (DWA/WSA)

Lands within an Indian Reservation

Lands with pending mineral entry applications

Lands offered for sale within the last two years

Nominations are not automatically placed on a sale when received, and BLM cannot guarantee that the nominated lands will always be included on a particular sale notice. The parcels must be reviewed for ownership, availability, environmental and cultural concerns prior to being placed on a sale. Sale parcels will normally be configured as requested; however, BLM reserves the right to adjust the parcel size and configuration as needed.

Each nomination must be submitted with a nonrefundable filing fee of \$105 per nomination plus \$0.10 per acre. If a land parcel consists of fractional acreage, round the acreage up to the nearest whole acre. All nominations must be received by the Nevada State Office no later than **November 27, 2009**, in order to be considered for the May 2010 Geothermal Lease Sale. Nominations received after **November 27, 2009**, will be held and considered for future sales.

Sale notices, results lists, and Form 3203-1 will be posted on our website at: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/prog/minerals/leasable_minerals/geothermal0/ggeothermal_leasing.html

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call Chris Pulliam, Land Law Examiner, at (775) 861-6506. For information or assistance regarding land status, please call our Information Access center at 775-861-6500.

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Chief, Branch of Minerals Adjudication

Enclosure

Form 3203-1 (September 2008)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

NOMINATION OF LANDS FOR COMPETITIVE GEOTHERMAL LEASING

READ INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING						
1.	1. Name			1a. Street		
11	o. City			1c. State		1d. Zip Code
Surface managing agency if other than BLM:				Unit/Project:		
Legal description of land requested (segregate by public domain and acquired lands):						
	T.	R. Section		Meridian	State	County
3.		ion is part of a block nom	ination. In	clude supporting	3a. Total Acres Nominated:	·
	information (see instr	•				
4. Amount Remitted (43 CFR 3203.12): Filing Fee: \$ + Acres x \$0.10: \$ = Total: \$						
5.	 Nominated lands cannot be included in a lease sale until BLM confirms that leasing conforms to the land use plan and all National Environmental Policy Act requirements have been met. 					
	(Printed Name of Nomin	(Printed Name of Nominator or Attorney-in-Fact)		(Signature of Nominator or Attorney-in-Fact)		(Date)
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INSTRUCTIONS

A. General

- 1. Entries must be typed or printed plainly in ink. The nominator must sign the form (item 5) in ink.
- 2. This offer must be filed in the proper BLM State Office serving the nominated lands. See regulations at 43 CFR 1821.10 for office locations.
- 3. Submit only one nomination per form.
- If more space is needed, additional sheets must be attached to each copy of the form submitted.
- 5. Two or more nominations may be requested to be sold as a block (43 CFR 3203.11). Check the box in Item 3. Block nominations must include information to support your request and whether the lands requested will be identified with a project or unit.

B. Specific

Item 1—Enter the nominator's name and billing address.

Item 2—Indicate the agency managing the surface use of the land and, for a block nomination, the name of the unit or project of which the land is a part. The nominator may also provide other information that will assist in establishing status of the lands being nominated. The description of land must conform to 43 CFR 3203.10. Each nomination may not exceed 5,120 acres, unless the area to be leased includes an irregular subdivision (43 CFR 3203.10).

Payments: Each nomination must include a filling fee that is found in the fee schedule at 43 CFR 3000.12. If the total acreage nominated contains fractional acreage, the per-acre fee must be rounded up to the next whole acre.

NOTICE

The Privacy Act of 1974 and the regulation at 43 CFR 2.48(d) provide that you be furnished with the following information in connection with information required by this geothermal lease nomination.

AUTHORITY: 30 U.S.C. 1000 et seq.

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE—The information is to be used to process geothermal lease nominations. ROUTINE USES: (1) The adjudication of the nomination for leasing of geothermal resources. (2) Documentation for public information in support of notations made on land status records for the management, disposal, and use of public lands and resources. (3) Transfer to appropriate Federal agencies when concurrence is required prior to granting uses or rights in public lands or resources. (4) Transfer to the appropriate Federal, State, local, or foreign agencies, when relevant to civil, criminal, or regulatory investigations or prosecutions.

EFFECT OF NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION—If all the information is not provided, the nomination may be rejected. See regulations at 43 CFR Part 3200.